

REMARKS

Claims 2-25 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been cancelled previously. Claims 2 and 4-25 stand rejected in this Office Action. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added. The examiner's arguments are considered in substantially the same order as presented.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 2 and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 4,506,595 to Roberts et al. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference.

Roberts '595 describes and claims a prefabricated wall and ceiling construction system primarily used for clean rooms. Roberts '595 does not disclose, teach, or suggest a structure having a wall section with an internal wall passage and an air circulation system creating a positive pressure in at least a portion of the structure for causing the air to flow through the passage and wherein the air is exhausted to the outside proximate a base of the wall as claimed by applicant's amended claims 5, 17, and 20.

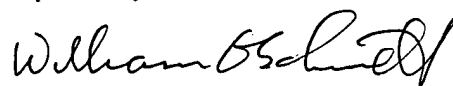
Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 5, 17 and 20 and their respective dependent claims are patentable under 35 USC § 102 over Roberts '595 and the prior art of record.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claims 7-13 stands rejected as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of Ojala. Claims 14-25 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of Tedman. In each instance, the examiner has stated that Roberts shows the basic claimed structure. In view of the amended claims, Roberts clearly does not disclose the basic claimed structure. Therefore, applicant submits that claims 7-13 and 14-25 are patentable under 35 USC § 103(a) over the cited prior art.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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